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Tokyo, September 3 (RHC)-- Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said Friday he will not seek reelection and will resign on September 30, less than a year after he took office.

Suga has faced widespread criticism over his mishandling of Japan's coronavirus response and for pushing ahead with the Olympic and Paralympic Games despite surging COVID-19 numbers.

Japan continues to report an average of 20,000 daily cases, and its overburdened hospitals are away thousands of patients each day.

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